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SUBJECT: NON-ALIGNMENT MOVEMENT: SOMALI LETTER QUESTIONS
CUBAN MEMBERSHIP

1. SUMMARY: SOMALI PERMREP HUSSEN SENT FOLLOWING LETTER
CRITICAL OF CUBAN MEMBERSHIP IN NAM TO NON-ALIGNED
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MISSIONS IN NEW YORK MAY 12. REPEATED TO ALL OTHER UN
MISSIONS MAY 16. END SUMMARY.

2. TEXT OF MAY 12 SOMALI LETTER TO NON-ALIGNED MISSIONS
IN NEW YORK FOLLOWS:

- "I AM ADDRESSING THIS LETTER, ON THE INSTRUCTIONS

OF MY GOVERNMENT, TO THE MEMBER STATES OF THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT, ON THE EVE OF THE MEETING OF THE BUREAU OF THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP OF STATES IN HAVANA, TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE CONTRADICTIONS INHERENT IN CUBA'S MEMBERSHIP OF THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP. THE TIME HAS CERTAINLY COME TO ASK HOW A STATE WHICH IS SO OBVIOUSLY A SURROGATE OF THE SOVIET UNION, AND WHICH IS SO CONTEMPTUOUS OF THE PRINCIPLES OF NON-ALIGNMENT CAN RETAIN MEMBERSHIP IN THE MOVEMENT. THE QUESTION BECOMES SEEN MORE PERTINENT IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT COUNTRIES WITH MUCH LOOSER MILITARY CONNECTIONS TO EITHER OF THE TWO POWER BLOCS THAN CUBA'S TIES WITH THE SOVIET UNION, AND CERTAINLY LESS MILITARILY INVOLVED IN THE GLOBAL STRATEGY AND MANOEUVRES OF A SUPER POWER, HAVE BEEN DENIED MEMBERSHIP OF THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP.

- "IT IS NOW A MATTER OF RECORD THAT CUBA, A COUNTRY WITH NO MILITARY-INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX OF ITS OWN, HAS EMERGED AS THE MERCENARY MILITARY ARM OF THE SOVIET UNION, FAITHFULLY CARRYING OUT THAT POWER'S GLOBAL DESIGNS. INDEED, ONE OF THE MOST DANGEROUS DEVELOPMENTS IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS IN RECENT TIMES HAS BEEN CUBA'S COLLUSION IN THE FURTHERING OF THE STRATEGIC AIMS OF THE LATTER POWER IN AFRICA.

- "THE EVIDENCE OF THIS COLLUSION IS OVERWHELMING. ONE NEED ONLY NOTE THAT THIS RELATIVELY POOR ISLAND, HAS UNCLASSIFIED

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BEEN ABLE TO SEND AND MAINTAIN, IN VARIOUS PARTS OF AFRICA, EXPEDITIONARY FORCES TOTALLING MORE THAN 50,000 MEN. IT IS PERFECTLY EVIDENT TO EVERYONE THAT THE COST, THE LOGISTICS AND THE TYPE OF ARMAMENTS INVOLVED IN THESE OPERATIONS ARE FAR BEYOND THE RESOURCES OF CUBA AND ARE BEING PROVIDED BY THE SOVIET UNION.

- "CUBA'S MASSIVE MILITARY INVOLVEMENTS IN THE CIVIL WARS IN ANGOLA AND IN ETHIOPIA, AND IN THE LIBERATION STRUGGLES IN THE OGADEN AND ERITREA, ARE ONLY THE MORE PUBLICIZED EXAMPLES OF SOVIET/CUBAN MILITARY ADVENTURISM IN AFRICA. THESE INVOLVEMENTS HAVE HAD A DESTABILIZING EFFECT ON AFRICAN AFFAIRS AND IN SOME CASES - AS IN ERITREA AND OGADEN - THEY ARE FRUSTRATING THE LEGITIMATE STRUGGLE OF AFRICAN PEOPLES FOR FREEDOM AND SELF-DETERMINATION.

- "IT IS A SAD BUT INESCAPABLE FACT THAT MORE AFRICANS HAVE NOW DIED AT THE HANDS OF CUBAN MERCENARIES THAN HAVE DIED AT THE HANDS OF ANY OTHER EXTERNAL FORCE IN THIS CENTURY. WE CAN SEE IN THIS DEVELOPMENT THE SINISTER REBIRTH OF THE SPANISH CONQUISTADORS WHO SET

OUT FROM CUBA FOUR HUNDRED YEARS AGO TO CARRY OUT A POLICY
OF EXTERMINATION AND COLONIALISM AGAINST THE INDIGENOUS
PEOPLES OF SOUTH AMERICA.

- "THE RUSSO-CUBAN INVOLVEMENT ALSO MAKES AFRICA A NEW
BATTLEGROUND FOR BIG-POWER RIVALRY - A DEVELOPMENT WHICH
CAN ONLY ENDANGER INTERNATIONAL PEACE AND SECURITY AND
WHICH STRIKES AT THE HEART OF THE PRINCIPLE OF NON-ALIGN-
MENT. THE CHARACTER OF THE MOVEMENT HAS NOT CHANGED
FUNDAMENTALLY SINCE THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE OF 1961 WHEN
NON-ALIGNMENT WAS DESCRIBED AS A POLICY OF POSITIVE
NEUTRALITY IN OPPOSITION TO BIG POWER RIVALRY AND A

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SAFEGUARD AGAINST THIS RIVALRY DEVELOPING INTO WORLD

CONFLAGRATION.

- "SINCE THAT TIME THE NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT HAS ENCOURAGED THE MAJORITY OF THE WORLD'S STATES TO ASSUME INTERNATIONAL POSITIONS FOUNDED ON NATIONAL SELF-RESPECT AND INDEPENDENCE OF BIG POWER ENTANGLEMENT. IT HAS ALSO UNCLASSIFIED

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CONSISTENTLY SOUGHT TO ENSURE, THROUGH THE COLLECTIVE STRENGTH OF THE MOVEMENT, THAT INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS ARE NOT SHAPED, AND THE ASPIRATIONS OF PEOPLE NOT FRUSTRATED BY THE DICTATES OF NAKED MILITARY POWER.

- "CUBA HAS ALREADY OFFERED TO HOST THE FORTHCOMING CONFERENCE OF HEADS OF NON-ALIGNED STATES, WITH THE HOPE OF ESTABLISHING FIDEL CASTRO AS THE NEXT CHAIRMAN OF THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP. IN THE FACE OF CUBA'S RECORD, SUCH AN OUTCOME WOULD NOT ONLY SUBJECT THE NON-ALIGNED GROUP TO THE REAL DANGER OF MANIPULATION AND EXPLOITATION BY THE SOVIET UNION BUT WOULD ALSO GRAVELY IMPAIR THE CREDIBILITY OF THE GROUP IN ITS EFFORTS TO MAINTAIN ITS NEUTRALITY AND PROMOTE INTERNATIONAL UNDERSTANDING AND WORLD PEACE.

- "I AM TO REQUEST YOU TO BRING THE CONTENTS OF THIS COMMUNICATION TO YOUR GOVERNMENT." END TEXT. LEONARD

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